

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #111:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

We got very lucky a few days here in Chicago with some spring/summer type weather. I enjoyed getting outside a little. The upcoming weeks are going to be extremely busy. The Central States coin show is in a few weeks and just afterward I leave for Europe to attend NAC and Nomos. I might be doing a bit of repeating in this newsletter but it could be helpful for those of you that don't have the time or energy to page through these long catalogs.

**CNG 442 (Valerianic Coinage) - Closes April 17**

CNG has a special sale in place of its normally scheduled bi-monthly e-auction. The sale has a soft bound catalog that accompanies it. I plan to keep mine as a reference book on the coinage of Valerian. The collector, a N.M. McQ Holmes, started collecting these coins in the 1960's due to their low cost of entry. He enjoyed years of buying from various firms and dutifully left copious notes on where a coin was purchased, the year and if it had a previous special pedigree. The first several pages gives a very thorough overview of the coinage. This is truly a specialist sale so don't expect to find the most beautiful of coins in this sale. That said, I applaud the collector for his perseverance in collecting these coins and I recommend to you that if you are interested in these coins that you make sure to get a catalog.

**Roma E-Sale 55 - Closes April 18**

On the tails of a very successful floor auction (XVII), Roma is holding its 55th E-Sale. There are a whopping 1493 coins. The catalog opens up with 51 more pieces from the Lanz Celtic collection. The Lanz material took center stage with auction XVII. Same great pedigrees but the condition of the coins is slightly lower than what we saw in the live auction. They have a good amount of Athenian and Alexander coinage. Additionally, there were some lovely electrum pieces on offer. Certain types that were typically very high priced in floor auctions

are suddenly affordable (e.g. early Aspendos and Cilician types). In the Roman provincial section there are several high quality examples of Mark Antony/Octavia and Augustus types. In the Republican section there are about 21 examples of the Geto-Dacian types. These coins imitate Republican coins and are extremely interesting in their stylistic abstraction from real Republican issues. In the Imperial Rome section there are quite a few aurei to consider. I will likely be participating in this auction and my terms are very favorable for collectors. Get in touch if you need my help.

### **Catalogs for customers**

I've received a small group of catalogs for Morton & Eden, Nomos and NAC. I've sent off a few copies to customers but I will be sending the remainder off this coming week. Please do let me know if you want a hard copy of the catalogs. It is first come, first serve. Please be kind though and only ask for a catalog if you plan to use me for representation services.

### **Central States Coin Show (April 24-27 in Schaumburg, IL)**

I've started to hear from a few folks that they will be coming out to Central States. This should prove to be a valuable coin show to attend for ancients if everything goes well. The merging of Central States and the Chicago Coin Expo was likely a good decision. I'm at booth 1802 so please come by and see me (and my mom Ellen!).

I'll be doing a presentation on Saturday afternoon covering Women on Ancient Coinage. I'd be happy to see some of you there!

*Here are the show specifics:*

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/schedule-of-events>

### **Heritage Signature Sale 3073 (April 25-26 @ Central States Show Chicago)**

The auction of the CSNS is Heritage and they have their live sale on April 25-26 and April 29. There are 360 ancient coins in session 1 on April 25. For those interested I should be able to view coins sometime on the first day of the show. Please keep in mind that Heritage does encapsulate coins so I am unable to view edges of the coin. It can be tricky for viewing properly but obviously not impossible. Let me know if you need my help. The lots are probably best viewed on the Heritage site. They have it really down to a science I have to admit! Their auctions are very easy to bid in.

*A link for you:*

<https://coins.ha.com/c/search-results.zx?N=51+793+794+791+1577+792+2088+4294945711&searchView=gallery&ic4=GalleryView-071515>

### **Morton & Eden (Upcoming Live Auction May 2)**

Morton & Eden has a decent auction of pedigreed material coming up. I viewed the coins when I was in London. The sale is only a mere 164 coins but it is a charming sale. You won't see the most sharply struck or FDC coins, but you will absolutely get a coin that has

attractive cabinet toning and good collector history attached to it. There is a rather nice selection of Ptolemaic gold coins (also featured on the cover). I will be participating by phone for this auction so get me your bids in the next days.

#### **Nomos Auction 18 (Live in Zurich on May 5)**

I always enjoy attending the Nomos auctions. The sales are usually very manageable and Dr. Alan Walker is fun to be around for an afternoon (I like you too Dimitrios!). Nomos will offer 395 high quality ancient coins in their 18th auction on May 5. I will be attending this auction and bidding live on the floor. The catalog is now viewable on Sixbid and Numisbids so check it out. There are several lovely pedigreed pieces available.

#### **NAC Auction 114 (Live in Zurich on May 6-7)**

I'm very excited (and a little scared truth be told!) to view the insanely large auction from NAC. There are 994 coins in the first catalog and another 787 in the second part. That is a lot of coins to go through in a few days of viewing. It is highly unlikely I will be able to view all the coins so please let me know well in advance of coins you would like viewed. The catalogs are online now and they are really fantastic. There are some absolutely phenomenal pedigrees along with very high prices to match! The first part of the sale is not for the weak. The bidding will likely be ferocious but nonetheless exciting. The pedigrees are lengthy and impressive.

The second part of the sale will likely be more manageable for the majority of folks. Don't be fooled in thinking that there are lower quality pieces however. There are lots of nice items available in the second part and it shouldn't be ignored. One needs deep pockets for the first part of the sale so maybe everyone will have spent their money in part 1 so there will be something left for the rest of us in part 2!

As I mentioned above, I went to pick up a tremendously heavy box of catalogs today from my box so please let me know if you want a catalog.



### Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/islands-off-ionia-samos-hegesianax-magistrate-c-4084-38066-bc?rq=gk1195>

**ISLANDS off IONIA, Samos. Hegesianax, magistrate. c. 408/4-380/66 BC**

AR Tetradrachm, 14.60g (24.5mm, 12h). Facing lion scalp / Forepart of bull right; ΗΓΗΣΙΑΝΑΞ above, olive branch to left, monogram and ΣΑ below; all within shallow incuse square.

**Price: \$4,950**

*The island of Samos is most famously known as the birthplace of the mathematician Pythagoras. He was born on Samos sometime around 570 BC. In 532 BC, Pythagoras emigrated to Italy to escape the tyrannical rule of Polycrates, who himself was murdered by the Persians in 522 BC. Due to its strategic position off the coast of Asia Minor, Samos, was a strong power in the 6th century BC. It alternated its allegiance between Athens and Persia and also had a strong relationship with the Egyptians. The strong Egyptian relationship was one of the reasons that they were able to grow in power despite being a small island. The mighty Egyptian naval forces helped to elevate the small island. The influence that Egypt had on Samos can be seen in a kouros that is located in their local museum. It is the largest kouros in Greece in existence. The kouros has an Egyptian headdress which is typical for early examples.*

*Samos was also known for its vineyards and to this day still produces muscat wine. At the time this coin was produced, Samos was independent and this coin was struck under a magistrate, Hegesianx (as referenced by the legend on the reverse of the coin). The Peloponnesian War had just finished and Samos had sided with Athens and hosted the Athenians on their island for support. After the war, Samos became independent until the Spartans under the general Lysander took control of the island.*

**References:** Barron Class X, 129 var. (A58/P- [unlisted rev. die]); HGC 6, 1218; BMC 134 (same obv. die); McClean 8407 (same obv. die)

**Grade:** Beautiful iridescent toning and nice surfaces. Minimal wear. aEF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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